[24th March 1954

*Reinstatement of retrenched workers in the Coimbatore City Transport.*

* 358 *Q.*—Sri T. S. ARDHANARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the action taken by the Government or proposed to be taken on the management of the Coimbatore City Transport for its failure to respect the decisions of the Industrial Tribunal, the Appellate Tribunal and the High Court in the case of sixty-six employees dismissed by the said Transport Co.?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to my answer to Legislative Assembly Question (Starred) No. 645 put by Sri S. Ramalingam."

*Fish vans in the City of Madras.*

11.10 a.m. * 359 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many fish vans are run by the Government in the City of Madras and the State for the conveyance of fish owners;

(*b*) the maintenance charges and the income of each fish van; and

(*c*) how many fishermen and non-fishermen are benefited by the aid given by the Fisheries Department, such as transport and marketing facilities, etc.?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) At present six fish vans are being run by the Fisheries Department for the transport of fish. Of those three are working in the districts and three between Ennoor and Madras.

" (*b*) The annual maintenance charges and the income derived from each van are as follows :—

| Van number. | Annual maintenance charges. | | | Annual income. | | |
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| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1 MSZ 3102 GMC Pick up .. .. | 12,760 | 10 | 0 | 14.684 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 MSZ 2712 Bedford Van .. | 4,321 | 8 | 0 | 3,636 | 12 | 0 |
| 3 MSZ 3351 Chevrolet .. | 5,989 | 10 | 6 | 2,762 | 6 | 5 |
| 4 MSZ 3589 Chevrolet .. | 7,567 | 13 | 9 | 2,922 | 14 | 7 |
| 5 FSZ 2968 Fordson .. | 1,561 | 0 | 9 | 1,141 | 2 | 0 |
| 6 [illegible]SP 2529 .. .. | 4,812 | 15 | 0 | 3,495 | 4 | 0 |

" (*c*) Two out of the three vans at Madras are being made use of by Fishermen Co-operative Societies. One van was hired out to the S.B.A.S. Panchayat, Tuticorin, for some time and it has recently been withdrawn and it is now under repairs. The other two have been working at Mettur Dam and transporting fish caught from the Reservoir to Salem, Erode and Bangalore. The fishermen of Mettur Dam are benefited by the running of those vans. All the members of the Societies and fishermen in the neighbourhood are making use of these vans and are benefited by them. It is difficult to gather information about the exact number of persons benefited by these vehicles."